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EDITORIAL

A week ago the New Mexican received dispatches from Washington announcing that Captain George Curry would sail from Manila in July and could not reach Santa Fe before the 25th of August or the 1st of September. These dispatches were published by this paper accordingly. It now appears that the correspondents made a mistake in dates and that Captain Curry will reach Santa Fe about the middle of July. The New Mexican wired Delegate W. H. Andrews in Washington to ascertain the correct date of Captain Curry's arrival if possible. The Delegate called at the War Department upon Col. C. R. Edwards who is in charge of the Insular Bureau. According to the following letter, Col. Edwards, Captain Curry will be in Santa Fe about the middle of July, the exact date not being known as yet. The letter reads:

"My dear Mr. Andrews:
Referring to your personal call and inquiry this morning as to when Captain George Curry who was appointed Governor of New Mexico, will arrive in the United States, I quote the following cablegram which was sent to the Governor General of the Philippines Islands on the 1st ultimo:

"Considerable mail coming in for Curry. Shall I forward? When may we expect return to United States?"

"To this the Governor General replied that Captain Curry would leave the Philippines on the June transport and requested that his mail be held here. From this it is inferred that Captain Curry will leave Manila on the June 9th transport, arriving in San Francisco about a month later—say July 9th. I am not advised as to whether it is his intention to come to Washington, but it seems likely that he will inasmuch as he has requested that his mail be held here. Should I receive any further information in the premises I shall be glad to let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

C. R. EDWARDS,

Hon. William H. Andrews,
Delegate to Congress,
Shoreham Hotel,
Washington, D. C.
—Santa Fe New Mexican.

President Roosevelt has long been known as an author of many interesting and progressive of the west. He is also known for his ability to crowd a great many big thoughts into a small space. The following brief paragraphs taken from a speech recently delivered by him during a visit in Michigan will be read with interest:

"We hear a great deal of the need of protecting our workmen from competition with pauper labor. I have very little fear of the competition of pauper labor. The nations with pauper labor are not the formidable industrial competitors of this country. What the American workman has to fear is the competition of the highly skilled workman of the countries of greater industrial efficiency."
"Surely it is eminently in accord with the principles of our democratic life that we should furnish the highest average industrial training for the ordinary skilled workman."

"We have been fond as a nation of speaking of the dignity of labor, meaning thereby manual labor. Personally I don't think that we begin to understand what a high place manual labor should take."

"The young man who has the courage and the ability to refuse to enter the crowded field of the so-called professions and to take to constructive industry is almost sure of ample reward in earnings, in health, in opportunity to marry early, and to establish a home with reasonable freedom from worry. They should get over the idea that to earn \$12 a week and call it salary is better than to earn \$25 a week and call it wages."

"The best crop is the crop of children; the best products of the farm are the man and woman raised thereon."

Assistant United States Attorney D. J. Leahy of Las Vegas, had a conference with President Roosevelt at the White House last Saturday concerning the Las Vegas reclamation project. Mr. Leahy later declared that the interview had been entirely satisfactory.

A man whose years reached toward seventy, full of the love of life, brimmed to the lips and eyes with the true pleasure of living, was the rare spectacle that cheered the few stray passengers in a Rocky Mountain freight caboose the other day. As they jogged along a bump was but another joke and when a weary wait came the old man hurried to the telephone, if one were near, and came back smiling with stories of the surprise of his home folks at his being so near and yet so far. To him the country passed was most beautiful. A bed of blue wild flowers chained his eyes but not his tongue, which trailed out stories of lovelier flowers and higher grasses, fruit farms that defied the frost by blooming the second time, all this at Taos, where he had been sojourning. Then the little red trunk he was taking his granddaughter and the little tea set for a neighbor's child, were cheerful portions of his afternoon of joy. It was so new to see a really happy man that the other passengers listened and some added their mite of plaudits and the long slow journey was made easier and was ended almost before it could seem true that the destination had been reached. Everyone thanked the old man and as a young traveler remarked "He's all right because he's game." Heaven give us more "game" old folks.

Raton is well prepared to celebrate the Fourth of July and her citizens have shown their interest by going into their pockets for an amount now counting into the second thousand dollars to put up the aforementioned good old fashioned Fourth of July. Springer is to have a fish fry and Dawson will also stay at home, so it is announced. Springer would better bring her fish where there will be a crowd to eat them and Dawson will be at home in name only for her people intend to come in large numbers to help us to enjoy our celebration. Raton will show a good time to all who come and no expense will be spared to make the occasion a most enjoyable one. Raton isn't all the time spurring up with some little public affair, but when she does entertain the public it is to a purpose and is always well done. It will be a treat to have the whole country here as the guests of the city and much local pride is being shown in the generous arrangement being made for lavish entertainment of all who come. Let every one make preparations to entertain their out-of-town friends and add the hospitality of their homes to the gracious spirit of hospitality that will pervade the whole city on July the Fourth.

The Cimarron public is invited and expected to attend

Mrs. Valentina Madrid, the native woman, and Alma Lyons, the negress, who were convicted of the murder of Manuel Madrid, the husband of Mrs. Madrid, at Hillsboro recently, the crime being consummated by placing rat poison in his coffee, and who would have hanged last Friday had not Acting Governor Reynolds commuted their sentences to imprisonment for life, were formally enrolled in the penitentiary at Santa Fe Saturday.

The girl women, which they practically are, have begun to realize the enormity of their crime and expressed remorse. The native woman declared in a pathetic manner that she was sorry for her crime and would give her own life to undo it. The colored woman, however, though seized occasionally with feelings of remorse, is holding up the spirits of the other.

During the months of June, July and August the Golden Rule Dry Goods company of Albuquerque, will close every day at 12:30 o'clock and reopen at 2:30 in the afternoon. Mr. Weinmann, proprietor of the store, first experimented with this method of giving his clerks a vacation every day during the summer months last year and found the result to be very satisfactory.

The Golden Rule is the only store in the southwest that has adopted the noon closing rule. The idea is a good one and might be adopted elsewhere with beneficial results.

The streets of Trinidad are not what you judge the spirit of the town by—they are too narrow. A business man of Trinidad told a Range reporter the other day that the Indian raids made the founders of the town feel that narrow streets were a safeguard against massacre, as they could put a covered wagon at the end of each block and stop a stampede of cattle or a surprise from the Indians. If the present residents could widen their main street now, tomahawks would be busy in short order.

J. M. Connell, general passenger agent for the Santa Fe would make a low rate to the territorial fair to be held in Albuquerque in October said: "That matter rests with the interstate commerce commission. We were able to do that last year but the new law on reduced rates and passes takes that privilege from the railroads. The matter will take some time before we can safely announce what can be done toward securing cheap rates from points in the territory."

In view of some of the criticisms that have been passed on the Fisher Opera Company's rendition of "Florodora" in this city last Wednesday night, it might be said in passing that when the company appeared in that production in Las Vegas the night previous to showing in this city, the company was greeted by one of the largest audiences ever assembled in the Duncan opera house in the Meadow City.

Acting Governor Reynolds has commuted the death sentence of the two women, Valentina Madrid and Alma Lyons, to life imprisonment. This is to be commended as the reputation of the territory might otherwise suffer. It can really matter little to the two women whether their rapid inane existence shall continue through many years or end now, but it is a matter of supreme importance to the public of New Mexico that their attitude upon so momentous a public question has been speedily heeded by our acting executive and the sentence of these wicked women thus commuted.

At a meeting of the Trans-continental Passenger association which is to be held in Chicago, June 19, it is probable that half rates for clergymen will be abolished, as most of the railroads are in favor of abolishing their clergy bureaus and charging ministers and others engaged exclusively in religious work, full fare now that so many states have made two cents a mile the maximum rate—which is only half a cent more than the half rates clergymen have been getting.

Ex-Governor Otero is chairman of a committee appointed by the citizens of Santa Fe to receive Governor Curry on his arrival in New Mexico.

SANTA FE COOLING STATION

The Santa Fe will make thorough and exhaustive experiments in the matter of pre-cooling citrus and other fruit shipments, of which considerable has been written and talked in the past two years, as a result of the study of methods of preventing the decay of fruit en route to the eastern markets, and how to reduce the icing charges which are a burden to the growers and shippers.

The company is having erected in the new yards in this city, says the San Bernardino Sun, a cooling station, the foundations for which have been completed in the western part of the yards, not far east of the banks of Lytle creek. The building is about 40x80 feet in size and will be fully equipped for carrying on these experiments, the Sprague system, being given the first trial.

It is claimed that experiments thus far carried on go to show that fruit thoroughly cooled before it is started and the interior of the car thoroughly cooled before it is iced, will cause a marked lessening in the quantity of ice required for the car to complete the journey and at the same time the fruit is kept at the same time the fruit is kept in a much better condition than when it is placed in the car warm, and then cooled after the car has been closed up, a condition that to a certain extent causes a sweating of the fruit, inducing decay. If the fruit is thoroughly dried, and cooled and the car is also cooled it is said that the decay is reduced to almost a minimum and the cost of icing is also reduced by practically half.

All citrus fruit shipments from Southern California, which go east over the Santa Fe, pass through San Bernardino, thus it was decided to locate the cooling plant here and conduct the experiments on a broad scale as the preliminary experiments conducted so far show that there is merit in the plan that will warrant further trials to eliminate the objectionable features of the present refrigerator methods.

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Shah of Persia.



Mohammed-Ali-Mirza, whose reign has commenced with a series of political agitations.

TOWN BORN OF SPITE

VERONA, ME., ONCE KNOWN AS ORPHAN'S ISLAND.

Intended as a New England Metropolis, But Plan of Promoters Failed—No Church or Post Office in Village.

Verona, Me.—The intensely Yankee town of Verona, with its intensely Italian name, was born out of spite. Long before the English fleet sailed up the Penobscot river in the autumn of 1814 and laid Bangor under heavy tribute, the present town was known as Orphan's Island, and had been surveyed and mapped out as the future metropolis of New England.

A long bridge, costing many thousands of dollars, was built to connect the island with Bucksport and paid for from the sales of a few choice lots near the center of the unborn city.

The Wetmores and Heaths and Bowdoin and Bridges, who were interested in the plan, looked down on old John Jacob Astor as an amateur in finance, and thought the rich men at Boston were bozzars.

Later on it was discovered that the drawing of expensive maps and the making of elaborate plans would not insure an immediate sale of real estate. The promoters ran short of money and became plunged in debt. They appealed to Bucksport for help in repairing the great bridge.

When their prayers were not granted, out of spite they asked the legislature for a town charter, and were made joyful when the new town of Verona was born.

The decline of weir fishing and shipbuilding nearly depopulated the island after the civil war, but recovery has followed slowly through close attention to agriculture.

Though the town is seven miles long and nearly three miles wide at its bulge, though several of the residents are wealthy, neither as Orphan's Island nor as Verona has there ever been a settled clergyman or lawyer or doctor on its area.

There is no church, and when a citizen dies he has to be taken across the bridge to find burial in a cemetery.

There has never been a murder or any serious crime committed on the island since its first settlement.

No post office has ever been placed on the charmed ground by a benevolent and paternal nation.

No sheriffs ever cross the bridge to serve legal instruments.

No minister drops in to take supper with worshipful parishioners.

When a doctor from Bucksport rides through the neighborhood it creates as much of a sensation as a circus parade.

If undertakers relied upon Verona for patronage they would go into insolvency.

It is a place where no barber's pole hangs out to allure customers.

No book agent ever calls.

An Antique Joke.

"Funny, wasn't it?" remarked Hercules, as he dropped into the office of the Ellysium Herald. "What?" asked the editor, looking up from the article he was polishing up on the last matrimonial shindy kicked up by Jupiter. The strong man laughed like a child. "Why," he answered, "that my 12 labors should have made a ten strike."

Necessary Then.

"It ain't true," said the milkman, "that we always put chalk in our milk." "Do you mean to say," demanded Mrs. Housekeeper, "that you never do it?" "Well—er—never, except after a heavy rain when the water gets brown and muddy."

THIS BOY CHEATS DEATH.

Youth Supposed to Be Fatally Shot Amazes Surgeons by Recovery.

New York.—With eight perforations in his intestines and the chance for life 100 to one against him, Frank Garrison, 18 years old, walked a mile to a hospital, submitted to an operation from which there was virtually no hope of his emerging alive, and finally amazed the physicians who attended him by walking out of the hospital the other day apparently as sound and sturdy as he had ever been in his life. The surgeons say his is one of the most remarkable recoveries on record.

Young Garrison, who lives on West One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street, went hunting dock rats in the neighborhood of One Hundred and Twenty-first street and the Hudson river. He was examining a gun when it was discharged and its entire load lodged in his abdomen.

Strangely enough, the lad did not lose consciousness, but realizing that he needed medical attention without delay, he shouldered his gun and picked his way painfully to a hospital, at One Hundred and Thirty-first street and Amsterdam avenue, a good mile's distance.

For several days afterward the boy's condition was desperate and the physicians looked for his death at almost any moment. Then there came a sudden rally and from that moment the youthful patient steadily improved.

BABE IN INCUBATOR.

Weighed Two Pounds at Birth, Four Months Before Time.

Elma, Wash.—There was born to the wife of Milton Spurgeon the other day a child which weighed at birth but two pounds. So light and frail was the tiny piece of humanity when it was born that Dr. Blair, of Elma, the attending physician, in the absence of better facilities, ordered a chicken incubator immediately provided for the new-born babe, and that the child be placed in it at once and the temperature kept at blood heat. With careful watching and attention the child has continued to live; it is kept draped in a finest and softest of batting.

Although the child was prematurely born, four months before its time, it now gives every promise of living. It is not longer than a foot rule, and is just able to make a noise when it cries. Its little hands, clinched, are not larger than ordinary marbles.

Its breathing is perceptible and regular, the high temperature that is maintained causes the little thing to perspire freely. The father and mother of the child are living on a farm about three miles from Elma; the babe is their firstborn and is a girl.

Old Dog Signed His Will.

New Augusta, Miss.—The first case on record in this state of a dog making its own will, and of it being offered for probate, is reported here.

Fifteen years ago "Doc" McAllister, the largest planter in this section, died, leaving a pet hound. In his will he set aside \$250 for the care of the dog until death. Ford McAllister, the eldest son of the deceased, was given control.

"Tobe," the hound, died recently, leaving numerous progeny, of which young McAllister is very fond. Desiring to preserve the bequest for the benefit of the pups, when the old hound was attacked by sickness, the boy drew up a will in proper form, witnessed by two citizens, and placing a pen between the claws of the aged dog, the animal made its cross mark.

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